



PATENT  
Docket No. 4004.001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ARAM, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
Entitled: "SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND )  
RELATED METHODS" ) Examiner: Hoffman, Mary C.  
Serial No. 10/765,950 )  
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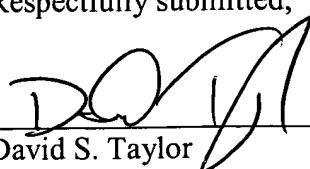
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully petitions an extension of time of one (1) month within which to respond to the Office Action of September 1, 2006. A check, which includes the amount of \$60.00 for payment of the extension fee, is attached. Should any other charges be due, then please debit Account 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

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